MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the member whether the Government have any more love for fresh giraffes?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI ((*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no special love for giraffe, but they may consider the purchase of one or two giraffes.

PRESIDENT: Government love all animals alike.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from Government whether the cut branches of the trees were far higher than the giraffe?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

Purchase of Giraffes.

56. *MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Government had recently ordered for two giraffes for our menagerie;

(*b*) whether the order booked has been carried out; and

(*c*) what expenditure, if any, has been incurred by Government in that transaction?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No; the animals died during the voyage;

(*c*) The final accounts from the Banks, Transport Agents, etc., have not yet been received.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether Government will have to meet any cost at all in case the giraffe was not landed at Bombay alive?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government had already remitted the price of the giraffes. They were insured and Government could get back the money from the Insurance Company.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know whether these animals were insured?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes; they were insured and the money paid is quite safe.

Applications for Agricultural loans.

57. *MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are applications for agricultural loans pending with the Kartikapalli Tahsildar;

(*b*) if so, the number of such applications; and

(*c*) how old the earliest of such applications is?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 20.

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